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# U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## Commerce Committee Weekly Roundup

Week of December 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

### Press Releases

Further information can be accessed by clicking the titles below

- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: [Stevens Pushes for Updated National Runway Safety Plan](#)
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: [Congress Approves Stevens-Inouye Provision to Allow Commercial Pilots to Fly Past Age 60](#)
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>: [Stevens Pushes for Deployment of Broadband in Rural America](#)
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>: [Senate Approves Pool and Spa Safety Act as Part of Energy Package](#)
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>: [Senate Approves Stevens Provision to Increase Fuel Economy](#)




### Commerce Committee Hearings

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- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>: [Federal Communications Commission Oversight Hearing](#)  
At this hearing, the Committee Members heard from the five FCC commissioners on current proceedings involving media and telecommunications policy.

### Upcoming Hearings

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- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: [Oil Spills from Non-tank Vessels](#)  [Add To My Calendar](#)  
This hearing will examine the oil spill threats, risks, and vulnerabilities posed by large non-tank vessels.
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: [Federal Truck Driver HOS Rules and Truck Safety](#)  [Add To My Calendar](#)  
The primary focus of this hearing will be on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) interim final rule (IFR) governing truck driver Hours Of Service (HOS).
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: [Nominations Hearing](#)  [Add To My Calendar](#)  
The Committee will consider the following nominees:
- Robert A. Sturgell, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration
  - Simon Charles Gros, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs, Department of Transportation

### Articles

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- Washington Post -- [Politicians Weigh In on Mitchell's Findings](#)
- Anchorage Daily News -- [President signs pilots' age bill](#)

### Picture of the Week



Senator Stevens speaking on legislation to allow U.S. commercial pilots to fly past age 60.

Audio of the speech can be found [here](#).

### Quote of the Week

*"I have supported changing this rule now for more than a decade, and I applaud the Congress' actions in finally taking hold and raising this age to 65," said Senator Stevens. "It is rare that Congress passes legislation that has such an immediate personal impact on our citizens and I am proud to say the President signed this bill immediately when he received it last night. I believe, this is a proud moment for me, for the Congress, and for the nation."*

*-Senator Stevens on Congressional passage of legislation to allow U.S. commercial pilots to fly past age 60.*